

**Amendment and Response Dated May 8, 2006**

**Reply to a Non-Final Office Action Mailed November 10, 2005**

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 31 with the following amended paragraph.

Figure 1A-1L shows the alignment of the amino acid sequences for huE3 $\alpha$ I, huE3 $\alpha$ II, muE3 $\alpha$ I and muE3 $\alpha$ II (SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, 15 and 6, respectively).